



DESE

Missouri
DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
EDUCATION™

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

July 28, 2023

Food and Nutrition Services Summer Workshops

**Notification of change in location for Columbia workshop on August 3rd.
The location has changed to Smithton Middle School.**

***The new location for training is located at:
3600 W WORLEY COLUMBIA, MO 65203***

Please join us for workshops at the Smithton Middle School on August 3. Registration for this workshop is now closed. Workshop details will be emailed to each registered participant.

LOCATION CHANGE!

Smithton Middle School

3600 W. Worley St.

Columbia, MO 65203

😊 Enter here

🟡 Park here



THANK YOU

Thank you Cameron School District and Food Service Director, Donna Frazier for hosting the workshop on July 26th.

Thank you Lee's Summit School District and Food Service Director, Lori Danella for hosting the workshop on July 27th.

The facilities and event space was beautiful and we appreciate your support staff for accommodating all of our needs each day.

Thank you No Kid Hungry for partnering to provide lunch and education on No Kid Hungry Grants. For more information please contact Kimberley Sprenger:

kimberley.sprenger@health.missouri.edu. Slides from the Lunch Presentation can be found [here](#).

We were able to recruit and build a panel to participate in a discussion on "Menu's That Make Sense". The panel members represented industry members, retired school food service professionals, food service directors and State Agency representatives.

A Big Thank You to all our panel members, we could not have done this without you!
Lisa Lauer- DHSS, **Ginger Thompson**- DESE, **Paul Becker**- Fort Zumwalt, **Jennifer Siemens**- Rich Products, **Doug Jordan**- Tyson Food, **Quincy Wiley**- Pilgrim's, Dan

McCallough- Peterson Farms Fresh, **Sarah Chellberg**- Affinity K-12 Group, **Mike Burke**- School Nutrition Advocate, **Katlyn Lanoue**- RayPec Food Service Director, **Lori Danella**- Lee's Summit Food Service Director, **Joene Drusel**- retired Food Service Manager, **Telisha Archie**- KC Public Food Service Manager and **Chef Tori**- District Chef Northwest R-1.

Each day participants had the opportunity to network and learn from peers at the round tables. Best practices were captured and conversations around any new unique on-going challenges.

These pictures below are from July 26-27th.



Adult Meal Pricing Worksheets

Adult Meal Pricing worksheets for SY 23-24 have been posted to our website - [Adult Meal Prices | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](#). There is also a Q&A on pricing adult meals on the webpage.

USDA Announces New Round of Supply Chain Assistance Funds for School

USDA is providing nearly \$1.3 billion to States and territories to purchase domestically produced foods to be distributed to schools, bringing the total amount of additional commodity support for school meals to nearly \$3.8 billion since December 2021. This

Farm to School News

Local Food Cooperative (LFS) Grant

Local Food for Schools Program Announcement webinar was held on May 11, 2023. The recording can be found [here](#). Application for schools to apply for this grant will be open in August 2023. A link to access the grant application will be posted on the DESE Farm to School website (post link to farm to school website). Schools should use these funds to increase local Farm to School purchases.

FY 23 USDA Farm to School Grantees

The full announcement of FY 23 USDA Farm to School Grantees is [live](#)!

- *Cornerstones Of Care - \$ 50,000 Kansas City, Missouri Grant Type: Turnkey-Agricultural Education* Cornerstones of Care's Build Trybe Vocational Mentorship Program will engage in a comprehensive curriculum development process for its Seed to Plate Initiative that grows local fresh foods to feed over 250 youth in Therapeutic Day Treatment and Residential Treatment Programs. The initiative also provides experiential learning and employment opportunities for participating youth in farming and culinary arts. Activities will identify key performance objectives in the Seed to Plate Initiative while formalizing instructional content and strategies. This includes integrating greater collaboration with local urban farming leaders to increase farm growth, enhancing youth engagement in the learning process, and improving youth achievement.
- *Saint Louis Public Schools- \$ 33,635 Saint Louis, Missouri Grant Type: Turnkey-Edible Garden* Saint Louis Public School will use this Turnkey Edible Gardens Grant to expand existing farm to school efforts in the district by purchasing hydroponic grow towers for two elementary schools. The challenge of school gardens in Missouri is that the peak growing season is during summer break. Students are currently involved in planting and weeding outdoor gardens, but by the time most plants mature, they are home for summer break. Few plants can be grown in the short growing season once student return to school in the fall. Indoor, vertical hydroponic gardens will allow students to see and experience the complete growth cycle of many plants. Faculty will more fully integrate farming into the math, science, health, language arts, and arts curriculum.
- *United Community Change- \$ 50,000 Springfield, Missouri Grant Type: Turnkey-Planning* The Microgreens Farm and Agricultural Practices Program (BLACC Ag Academy) lead by United Community Change will initiate a Turkey Action Plan through research, community networking, planning and program development. The organization will organize a collaborative project plan which includes the efforts of community stake holders such as Springfield School District, teachers, Agriculture experts and educators, Non-Profit, Partners, Minority Leadership from the BiPoc and underserved community, local farms, local hospitals, health professionals and small businesses. The Project will arrange in class Microgreen training & professional cohort sessions on various topics that will increase awareness of health and nutrition disparities. Will develop curriculum and activities for youth to experience utilizing business and entrepreneurship skills in friendly fundraiser competitions to empower students and strong plan to help subsidize healthy local organic foods in school cafeteria meals.

Sodium Target 1A, as promulgated by the *Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains and Sodium - Final Rule*, goes into effect on **July 1, 2023**, in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) only. There will be no change to sodium limits for breakfasts served through the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Please refer to this chart for specific Sodium Target 1A limits by grade level.

As a reminder, Sodium Target 1A is included in the *Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Final Rule* published in February 2022. The proposed rule - *Child Nutrition Programs: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans* - published in February 2023 aims to provide schools with long-term, durable nutrition standards in line with the latest nutrition science. A final rule based on feedback gathered during the public comment period will be published in early 2024.

Resources to aid school meal program operators in Sodium Target 1A implementation including lower sodium standardized recipes that meet school meal pattern requirements can be found through the Institute of Child Nutrition's [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#) and Team Nutrition's [Recipes for Healthy Kids: Cookbook for Schools](#). The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) also offers sodium reduction resources and online courses through the ICN's [Shaking it Up initiative](#), which features strategies and best practices for reducing sodium in school menus.

*Please note that all values must be less than or equal to.

National School Lunch Program Transitional Sodium Timeline & Limits		
Age/Grade Group	Target 1: Effective July 1, 2022	Interim Target 1A: Effective July 1, 2023
K-5	≤ 1,230 mg	≤ 1,110 mg
6-8	≤ 1,360 mg	≤ 1,225 mg
9-12	≤ 1,420 mg	≤ 1,280 mg

Nondiscrimination Statement

The May 5, 2022, guidance memorandum <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/nds-and-ajfa-poster-memo> directs states and local agencies, program operators and sponsors to update their non-discrimination policies, informational materials and websites to include prohibitions against discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. Our office expects to receive update And Justice for All Posters to distribute to schools, until then continue to use the current AJFA poster. The school may also print AJFA posters. We do not have a date that we will receive the updated posters from USDA. Educational institutions that claim a Title IX religious exemption or seek USDA assurance of religious exemption from Title IX provisions may continue using the 2015 version of the USDA NDS and the 2019 version of the AJFA poster. The 2019 version of the AJFA poster (AD-475A) is located on the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights website at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/JFAgreen508.pdf>

All And Justice for All posters must be printed at 11" width x 17" height per Departmental Regulation 4300-003. The minimum text size to be used on the posters is 14-point.

For more information on Civil Rights please visit the [Civil Rights](#) section on our website.

Delivery Fee for Brown Box and Fee for Service Effective SY 23-24

Due to uncontrollable circumstances in the rising cost to delivery USDA Brown Box (Direct Delivery) and Fee for Service (FFS) items to schools, DESE Food and Nutrition Services contract with Gold Star Foods has been renewed to include a delivery fee to schools at a fixed rate of \$2.00 per case. DESE will be paying the additional cost of \$3.69 for each case to bring the total cost to deliver each case to the final price in the contract renewal. We hope this is a temporary charge and we can return in the future to being able to fully fund delivery again. The warehouse cost to bring in USDA foods (handle), the storage of USDA foods and the cost to get USDA foods to schools (delivery) has continued to increase due to inflation. All contract services to operate this program have increased. If you have any questions concerning this change, please contact our office.

New and Updated Resources

Commodity Expo Dates for 2024 have been finalized! *Please mark your calendars!*

This year DESE will be partnering with SFNDA and Heart of America to offer our commodity shows in combination with these important commercial food shows. There will be two dates and locations.

- January 31st – Orlando Event Center, St Louis
- February 7th – KCI Expo, Kansas City

More information will be sent in the future

Missouri USDA Foods Program Procedures Manual – Our Procedure Manual has been updated and can be accessed on our USDA Foods website

Commodity Calendar – To outline suggested commodity activities throughout the school year we've created a commodity calendar.

Commodity Direct Delivery (Brown Box) Tracking Tool – To assist districts in tracking their brown box foods deliveries each month, we've created a tracking tool that mirrors our USDA Foods Order Form. This tool can be downloaded and saved on your desktop, or printed if you prefer, and used as you receive your commodity orders.

The Procedure's Manual, Commodity Calendar and Tracking Tool are available under Resources on our USDA Foods website: [USDA Foods | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](#)

Account Updates - July is a great time to make any changes that are needed to your Gold Star and DOD Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Accounts.

Gold Star Account - If you have new staff members, email contacts that should be updated or a change in the delivery locations, please reach out to:

MissouriHelpDesk@GoldStarFoods.com

DOD Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Account – For districts that have diverted funds to DOD or plan to request bonus funds, please make sure account information is updated. Also, if you have added new schools or delivery sites, please contact us so those can be updated and added to your district's account.

For DOD updates contact: Madelyn.Hansen@dese.mo.gov.

Delivery Week Changes - In an effort to eliminate delivery delays, Gold Star is reworking its delivery routes for the 23/24 SY. As a result, some districts' delivery weeks have changed. We have posted a revised delivery route listing and Gold Star will contact districts that have a change to their delivery week.

Gold Star has also added a set delivery day to each district's account this year. They have provided the Gold Star account's district users with that information. Please contact your Gold Star account representative if you have questions.

Commodity Deliveries for 23/24 SY – In order to receive a commodity delivery, each school district must have a Gold Star Online Account and must "order" the items they requested on their USDA Foods Packet using that Gold Star Live Inventory account.

Gold Star August Commodity Orders –Commodity foods for August deliveries are now being placed in districts' Gold Star "Live Inventory" accounts. Please review your USDA Foods Packet and begin creating your Gold Star commodity order for August. Each district's monthly order must be placed by the Tuesday prior to your delivery week. Items may be added to your initial order until 2 days prior to your scheduled delivery date, by reaching out to your Gold Star Account Specialist. Any commodity items remaining in your Gold Star account from the 22/23 SY will be automatically force-shipped if you have not selected them for delivery.

Delivery Charges - DESE FNS must make changes to the way we deliver commodity items to school districts. In the past we have been able to fully cover delivery costs for public school districts, but due to price increases in fuel and labor, the funds we have to operate this program no longer cover the entire cost. Beginning in the 23/24 SY, ALL school districts will begin paying a per case delivery fee.

Tentative Cost: Non-Public Districts -\$5.63 per case, Public Districts - \$2.00 per case

Cancelled and Adjusted USDA Foods - This listing is updated for the 23/24 SY. Please reference this as you place your initial Gold Star Commodity Order. [USDA Foods | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](#)

Orange Juice 110651 - This brown box item is not available for the 23/24 SY. We do have a small amount of carry-over inventory that we will distribute in August and the first weeks of September. Once that inventory is depleted we will begin sending a different orange juice 100277. This is also a frozen product but it is packaged in cases of 70 cartons versus 96 portion cups. We have calculated adjusted cases based on this difference. The adjusted number of cases for each district that ordered this product will be posted on our USDA Foods website this fall.



The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, veteran status, mental or physical disability, or any other basis prohibited by statute in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to department programs and to the location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible by persons with disabilities may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Director of Civil Rights Compliance and MOA Coordinator (Title VI/Title VII/Title IX/504/ADA/ADAAA/Age Act/GINA/USDA Title VI), 5th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480; telephone number 573-526-4757 or TTY 800-735-2966; email civilrights@dese.mo.gov.

This email was sent to

Please add to your address book to ensure our emails reach your inbox! If you'd rather not receive emails:
[Unsubscribe](#) | [Report Spam](#)

© Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101